

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PESTICIDES IN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government with the consultation of State Governments has conducted inspection and study of pesticides and other harmful substance in fruits and vegetables recently in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the percentage of various harmful substances found in such inspection and study?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a): Government of India is implementing a central sector scheme, "Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level" in which the pesticide residue levels in fruit and vegetable market samples in the country are being estimated since October, 2006.
- (b): Details of pesticide residues detected in fruit and vegetable samples collected from 58 mandis and wholesale markets from different regions in the country from October, 2006 to July, 2008 are annexed.
- (c): Out of 5,462 samples of fruits and vegetables analysed 262 (4.8%) samples were found to contain pesticide residues above the Maximum Residue Limit (MRL) fixed under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954.